

## House Resolution No. 3560

**Whereas**, it is with special pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize an outstanding Missouri citizen who has brought great commitment and steadfast dedication to the teaching profession; and

**Whereas**, Mary Flores, an esteemed resident of Oak Grove, Missouri, officially retired from Oak Grove Primary School in May 2004 after a successful career in education that had spanned an incredible twenty-nine years; and

**Whereas**, an art teacher for twenty-nine years, Mary Flores taught at the Whiteman Air Force Base Elementary School for three years prior to joining Oak Grove Primary School in 1978; and

**Whereas**, a world traveler who holds degrees from Central Missouri State University, Mary Flores has greatly enjoyed helping more than 15,400 students appreciate art and has made numerous banners and murals that have adorned the halls at Oak Grove Primary School; and

**Whereas**, Mary Flores looks forward to her retirement so that she can spend more time taking art classes at Johnson County Community College and teaching at the university level; and

**Whereas**, Mary Flores has been abundantly blessed with the love and admiration of her two wonderful sons, David and Steven; her mother, Betty Handly of Osceola; her brother, Mike Goth; and her significant other, Yanni Vantzou;

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in expressing our utmost appreciation to Mary Flores for her twenty-nine years of unparalleled service to Oak Grove Primary School and to the teaching profession, and in wishing her the long, rewarding retirement she so richly deserves; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Mary Flores.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Bryan Pratt  
District No. 55

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 3560, adopted July 7, 2004.

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Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker